



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hegele-Hartung et al.

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Use of $ER\beta$ -Selective Ligands for Regulating Fertitly and Compounds

USEFUL THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

23. (Amended) Pharmaceutical compositions that contain at least one compound according to claim 12, as well as a pharmaceutically compatible vehicle.

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24. (Amended) Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 12, which in addition to at least one compound of general formula 1 containing at least one compound that is selected from the group of GnRH antagonists, progesterone receptor antagonists, mesoprogestins, gestagens or tissue-selective gestagens.